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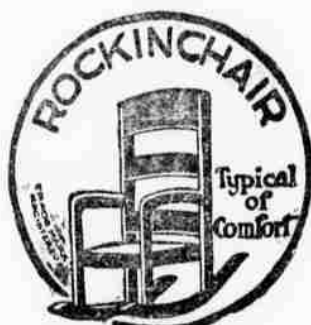
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On The Corner



STATE'S TAX LEVY.

The County Tax Assessor, Mr. G. F.illard received notice on Wednesday that the levy fixed by the state for this year is 6 1-2 mills. This is one-half mill more than last year. The county millage added to that of the state will make a total millage of 21 1-2 mills, not including the special tax of school, road, and drainage districts.

Palatka Ladies in Flood District.

Mrs. J. W. McGregor and her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Burt, who have been at Fletcher, N. C., for the past two weeks, are in the midst of the flood district, and no word has come from them since the deluge. Three are known to have been drowned at Fletcher, and there is no mistaking it being in the flooded territory. Mr. Burt has telegraphed for information concerning the ladies, and the only reply he could get was effect that they were at a point seven miles from the town and it would be impossible to reach them or word to or from them until after the flood subsided.

WELAKA MAN WILL BREED FINE STOCK

L. J. McLeod Has a Four Hundred Acre Farm Under Fence.

L. J. McLeod, one of the progressive young men of the county and merchant and postmaster at Welaka, was in the city on Monday, and among other bits of information which were obtained from him, was the fact that he already has four hundred acres under fence, which acreage he is now stocking with blooded hogs and cattle.

For the present Mr. McLeod will confine himself principally to hog raising, but later he will stock the place with a number of Florida range cattle and a blooded bull.

He maintains that his land is so varied as to hills and dales and water privileges that he will have ample feed for a large number of cattle and hogs.

"DR." GEO. S. WALDO CHAUTAUQUA AGENT

Loses His Suit Against Palatkans Who Repudiated His Shows.

"Doctor" George Seldon Waldo of Gainesville, has lost his suit against a number of prominent Palatka gentlemen, and for the privilege of suing whom he will now have to come across with certain court costs.

The suit grew out of the repudiation by these Palatkans of a certain Chautauqua contract into which they had been led by representations which were found to be a little off color. This happened in the summer of 1914 and were for a series of entertainments to be given during the following winter. Many signed the agreement with the "doctor" on representations that they would not be held responsible for more than the one or two tickets which they agreed to take. Others stipulated as much in their signatures.

But when the contract was repudiated the "doctor" threatened suit, which he finally brought against the whole bunch of signers.

Messrs. Hilburn & Merryday and J. V. Walton of this city were retained by the defendants in the suit and the case, which has been stringing along for a year was only brought to trial on Tuesday, when Attorney H. E. Merryday argued the case in chambers before Judge J. T. Wills. Judge Wills gave a verdict for the Palatka defendants, and assessed the costs on the "doctor."

"BILLY" PARKER WILL FIGHT FOR PROPERTY

Has Retained Tom Watson and Van C. Swearingen to Represent Him.

Last week The News told of the controversy over the ownership of Edgewater, a beautiful residence and grove property seven miles up the river.

Ownership in the property was vested in a Mrs. Rogers of New York. Mr. Rogers was here in May and made the purchase, placing title in his wife. When Rogers left he authorized a local real estate dealer to sell the place.

This local dealer sold it to the notorious "Billy" Parker, English campaigner against the power of the Roman pontiff, and who has held several campaign meetings in this city. "Billy" liked Palatka; its people were good to him, and he was not adverse to settling among us. When he saw Edgewater he grabbed at it. He paid \$300 down to bind the bargain, and for some months his son has been living on the place.

Mrs. Rogers, owner of Edgewater, has also sold the Edgewater property to a George White of Hackensack, N. J. She says that no one in Palatka was authorized to sell the place.

Of course Edgewater was not sold to "Billy"; he was simply given a receipt for \$300 as a first payment on it by the agent, and possession.

The first "Billy" knew of his dilemma was last week, when the negro who has charge of the place was notified by Mrs. Rogers that she had sold it to Mr. Geo. White of Hackensack. The negro told young Parker, who came to the city to find out about it. Here he obtained a copy of The Palatka News, which he sent to his father who is in Georgia conducting a campaign against the cohorts of papacy and incidentally for Hugh Dorsey, candidate for governor. "Billy" started post-haste for Palatka. He was here on Tuesday. The News' representative met him in the office of the late P. J. Becks.

"Yes, I received a copy of the paper, ye know, and I was quite taken back. Of course you were only 'spoofing,' (kidding) but it's a serious matter with me; my son is staying at Edgewater and we had hoped to make it our home. I paid \$300 down and was to make further payments as soon as the contracts could be signed and turned over. I have retained the Honorable Van C. Swearingen, ex-mayor of Jacksonville, and the Honorable Thomas E. Watson of Georgia to look after my interests. I must go back to Georgia, where I am campaigning for Honorable Hugh Dorsey for governor; I had to cancel my engagement for a couple nights. It's bad."

Billy has a strong English accent, a sort of freckled English dialect which we could not reproduce if we tried. It's of the kind used by the very common people, from whom "Billy" springs.

He went back to Georgia Tuesday night, but his son returned to Edgewater where he will retain possession until he is ousted by order of the negro who is in charge, or by Mr. White's personal order, when that gentleman arrives.

Taking Inventory.

The Earnest Company is taking inventory this week and in going over everything in the big store are finding many articles that are being laid on bargain counters for some thrifty housewife to grab. The company is not particularizing, but it announces that it has many of these bargains and asks that you see them. Chances are that after this inventory there will be a sale that is a SALE.

Baby Show Benefit.

The Putnam County Baby Show which was held in the Athletic Club House last Friday afternoon for benefit of the Woman's Club brought many pretty babies and eager mothers and interested spectators. Fifteen babies were entered and competition was keen; however, every baby received a prize, all depending upon the number of votes cast by the friends of the babies.

It was not a question of merit, or the task of the judges would indeed have been a most difficult one, but the spectators were each allowed as many votes as they wished to cast at one cent per vote, so that there could be no hard feelings on the returns.

The two babies receiving the highest votes were baby Alderman, 1235 votes and baby James, 245 votes. The babies were entered according to age, as follows: Age up to 6 months, (class 1); six months to 1 year (class 2); 1 year to 2 years (class 3); 2 years to 4 years (class 4).

Class 1—Mrs. Alderman 1st; Mrs. James, 2d; Mrs. Tilton 3d.

Class 2—Mrs. Carlos, 1; Mrs. Spencer, 2; Mrs. Fox, 3d.

Class 3—Mrs. Van Brunt 1st; Mrs. Clemmons 2d; Mrs. Whitthorne 3d; Mrs. Marvin 4th; Mrs. Adams, 5th.

Class 4—Mrs. Hedick 1st; Mrs. Whitthorne 2d; Mrs. Walker 3d.

Best Decorated Baby Cart—Mrs. H. M. de Montmolin 1st; Mrs. Alderman 2d.

The first prize in class 1 was \$5 in gold, and in the other classes \$2.50 in gold. The balance of the other prizes were useful and ornamental.

VON ENGELKEN GOES ON BOARD OF CONTROL

Of Rural Credits Administration by Appointment of President.

To be lifted from an East Palatka potato farm by the president of the United States and placed on the new rural credits board of control at a salary of \$19,000 "bucks" per annum, and this without first obtaining the endorsement of the "Guardians," is a political feat that few would be able to achieve.

And yet this is just what has been accomplished by Mr. F. J. H. Von Engelken of Vinyard-on-the-St. Johns, East Palatka, announcement of whose appointment was made simultaneously with President Wilson's signing of the rural credits bill on Monday.

No wonder Mr. Von Engelken failed to qualify as a candidate for county commissioner in the June primary, leaving John Hinson alone to buck the powers of the Roman hierarchy.

The News congratulates Mr. Von Engelken. Putnam county is honored in his selection for this responsible post.

That he is worthy there can be no question.

Mr. Von Engelken is an authority on rural credits. He was one of the American Commission to visit Europe in the summer of 1914 to study rural credits on the continent. Mr. Von Engelken did not join in the majority report of that commission. On the contrary he made a minority report and it was this which brought him into national prominence as an authority.

Several times he has been summoned to Washington during the pendency of the Rural Credits Bill, for consultation. On several occasions he has been invited by associations of bankers and other financial interests to discuss the problems of rural credits. He has written much and thought much on the subject—so much that some time ago he leased his potato farm and has been giving his time almost exclusively to the work of preparing himself for the work which now comes to him as a reward for his research and devotion.

Mr. von Engelken has a beautiful home on the river in East Palatka and is seen in the city but infrequently. Mrs. von Engelken is a charming lady of many accomplishments who will fall gracefully and naturally into the social life of Washington, a place which goes with the important commission of her husband as an administrator of this important branch of the federal financial policy.

JOS. H. HAUGHTON RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Putnam County Democratic Executive Committee—Burt Secretary.

The Putnam county democratic executive committee was called together last Saturday for the purpose of organization and to recommend a State committeeman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late P. J. Becks.

Twenty-three precincts were represented as follows: No. 1, W. A. Russell; 2, Max Melzer; 4, L. J. McLeod; 5, C. C. Sullivan; 6, W. M. Williams; 7, T. E. Baker; 8, W. F. Rogers; 9, S. S. Browning; 10, B. B. Dancy; 11, Chas. Burt; 12, Capt. J. E. Lucas; 13, Judge J. C. Calhoun; 14, D. J. Caughlin; 15, F. J. Fearnside as proxy for M. A. Wilkinson; 17, C. M. Livingston; 18, L. M. Baldwin; 19, G. L. Tucker; 20, D. Bohannon; 21, J. T. Hancock; 22, Jean Stacy, as proxy for D. A. Mullis; 23, J. H. Haughton; 26, J. L. Chesser; 27, W. R. Revels. The absentees were from precincts 3, 16, 25, and 28, Messrs. Bard, Wimberly, Matthews and Baile.

On assembling J. H. Haughton was named as chairman and Chas. Burt, secretary. Then a motion was made and carried that these gentlemen be the permanent president and secretary of the committee.

W. A. Russell was named as the committee's choice for Putnam county member of the State Executive Committee.

A resolution requesting our representatives in the legislature to for a less complicated primary law was introduced by Judge Calhoun and passed. Also a resolution offered originally by D. J. Caughlin, and amended, was to the effect that the committee would always welcome a canvasser of the votes of the county where any candidate had valid reason for believing that he had not been given all that was his due.

On motion of Judge Calhoun a committee of three was appointed by the chairman to draft suitable resolutions on the death of the late P. J. Becks, the same to be spread upon the minutes of the meeting. Messrs. Calhoun, Russell and Williams were appointed.

Sunday at St. Marks.

Rev. Mr. Ross who is serving St. Marks church temporarily will hold service next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and again at 7:30. The following Sunday, July 30th, Rt. Rev. E. G. Weed, S. T. D., bishop of the diocese of Florida, will be here to officiate.

PALATKA MAY JOIN "FLORIDA FIRST" PUBLICITY PULL

Matter of Great Importance Discussed by Board of Trade.

At a meeting of the Palatka board of trade on Monday night, at which President Leeks presided in person, at least two very important matters affecting Palatka were up for discussion.

The first was the news contained in a letter to Mr. M. P. Walsh from President Barrett, of the National Cooperative and Educational Farmers' Association of America, in which that gentleman stated that in all probability Palatka will be chosen as the place of holding the association's next convention. Mr. Barrett is evidently favorable to this city, though Lakeland is making an heroic effort to secure it. Chas. Burt's motion that a letter be sent thanking Mr. Barrett for his efforts in behalf of this city was adopted.

This convention will bring nearly a thousand representative farmers from all sections of the United States, and would be the biggest thing ever pulled off by a representative pluggers for Palatka.

H. D. Silverfriend, field representative of the "Florida First" Commission, a body that has been doing some first-class advertising for this state, was given the courtesy of the floor while he explained the advantages to communities availing themselves of this plan of advertising. Mr. Silverfriend stated that last year the commission spent \$14,000, while this year it had it in mind to spend at least \$25,000 in advertising in the best class Sunday papers of the northern cities. That the method of assessment adopted by the commission was on the basis of 10 cents per capita, based on the population of cities as given by the 1910 census. This would bring Palatka's share in the cost to \$378.00 for the permanent settlers campaign advertising, and \$250 extra for the tourist campaign.

Mr. Walsh stated that he would give \$25 to start a subscription for the former fund, but this was held in check until a special committee consisting of Messrs. Walsh, Mann and Elliott could report at a later meeting on the prospects.

The News hopes this proposition can be made to go through. We have the advantages to offer permanent settlers, and the advertising would undoubtedly prove profitable to the city, as an investment.

Reports made to the Commission by most of the trade bodies which participated in the advertising last year show that the inquiries they received have been particularly fruitful in the way of definite results. The Orlando Board of Trade officials state that the comparatively small amount which the "Florida First" advertisement cost that city has been of more actual benefit to the community than ten times as much heretofore expended in other forms of advertising. Several hundred of the persons who registered at the tourist bureau maintained last winter by the local trade body stated definitely they had come to Florida as a result of the "Florida First" advertising and of these over 100 stated they had made investments in the State while here.

N. A. Burrow, representing the Chicago Record-Herald's Bureau of National Resources, addressed the board in the interests of his scheme of advertising the city and county. He wants to show through a period of 18 months in 800 cities and towns of the country, by moving pictures, pictures of this city and county. It would cost \$1,000, but he stated that it would prove an excellent way of advertising our resources. The scheme looked pretty, but too expensive.

Mr. Walsh stated that the bonded warehouse scheme had taken a new turn, in that the promoters would not come here unless a small block of \$10,000 in stock was locally subscribed.

The application of Mr. T. J. Higgins, associate editor of the Morning Post, for the position of Secretary of the board, was received. Mr. Higgins offers to take the place for \$15 per week, devoting to the work whatever of time he has from his duties on the paper. Mr. Norwich, Mr. Higgins' employer, paid a high compliment to Mr. Higgins and his ability for the work of secretary.

President Leeks said he would take the application and file it along with others and the matter would be taken up either by the board of governors or the meeting of the board at a later time.

Best Insurance.

"Do you carry any burglar insurance?"

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